

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A remote control device for controlling an input parameter of an electronic device, the remote control device comprising:
  - a housing sized to be held in the hand of a user during operation of the remote control device; and
  - a gyroscopic sensor integrated with the housing and configured to produce a signal in response to an angular motion about a single reference axis, the input parameter to be controlled being responsive to the signal produced by the gyroscopic sensor when the gyroscopic sensor is activated.
2. The remote control device of claim 1, further comprising an input device integrated with the housing and configured such that the user presses the input device to select the input parameter to be controlled.
3. The remote control device of claim 1, further comprising an activation input integrated with the housing and configured such that the user presses and holds down the activation input to activate the gyroscopic sensor.
4. The remote control device of claim 1, further comprising an input device integrated with the housing and configured such that the user presses and holds down the input device to select the input parameter to be controlled and to activate the gyroscopic sensor.

5. The remote control device of claim 1, wherein the single reference axis is a yaw axis.
6. The remote control device of claim 1, wherein the single reference axis is a pitch axis.
7. The remote control device of claim 1, wherein the single reference axis is a roll axis.
8. The remote control device of claim 1, wherein the input parameter to be controlled is volume.
9. The remote control device of claim 1, wherein the input parameter to be controlled is a scan functionality.
10. The remote control device of claim 1, wherein the input parameter to be controlled is a time search functionality.
11. The remote control device of claim 1, further comprising a transmitter configured to transmit a control signal to the electronic device, the control signal being produced in response to the signal produced by the gyroscopic sensor, the input parameter to be controlled being responsive to the control signal when the gyroscopic sensor is activated.

12. The remote control device of claim 11, wherein the control signal is an infrared signal.

13. The remote control device of claim 11, wherein the control signal is a radio frequency signal.

14. A method for controlling an electronic device using a remote control device, the method comprising:

selecting an input parameter to be controlled;

activating a gyroscopic sensor, the gyroscopic sensor being integrated with a housing of the remote control device and configured to produce a signal in response to an angular motion about a single reference axis, the input parameter to be controlled being responsive to the signal produced by the gyroscopic sensor when the gyroscopic sensor is activated; and  
adjusting a setting of the input parameter to be controlled.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of deactivating the gyroscopic sensor.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein deactivating the gyroscopic sensor comprises releasing an input device.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein deactivating the gyroscopic sensor comprises releasing an activation input.

18. The method of claim 14, wherein selecting an input parameter comprises pressing at least one input device that corresponds to the input parameter to be controlled.

19. The method of claim 14, wherein selecting an input parameter comprises pressing at least one input device to identify the input parameter on a graphical user interface.
20. The method of claim 14, wherein selecting an input parameter comprises enunciating a voice command to identify the input parameter on an audio menu.
21. The method of claim 14, wherein selecting an input parameter comprises pressing at least one input device until the electronic device enunciates the input parameter.
22. The method of claim 14, wherein activating a gyroscopic sensor comprises pressing and holding down an activation input.
23. The method of claim 14, wherein selecting an input parameter and activating a gyroscopic sensor comprises pressing and holding down an input device that corresponds to the input parameter to be controlled.
24. The method of claim 14, wherein adjusting a setting of the input parameter comprises moving the remote control device when the gyroscopic sensor is activated such that the gyroscopic sensor produces the signal.

25. A remote control device for controlling an input parameter of an electronic device, the remote control device comprising:
- means for selecting the input parameter to be controlled;
  - means for activating a gyroscopic sensor, the gyroscopic sensor being integrated with a housing of the remote control device and configured to produce a signal in response to an angular motion about a single reference axis, the input parameter to be controlled being responsive to the signal produced by the gyroscopic sensor when the gyroscopic sensor is activated; and
  - means for adjusting a setting of the input parameter to be controlled.
26. The remote control device of claim 25, further comprising means for deactivating the gyroscopic sensor.
27. The system of claim 25, wherein means for adjusting a setting of the input parameter comprises means for moving the remote control device when the gyroscopic sensor is activated such that the gyroscopic sensor produces the signal.

28. A system for controlling an input parameter to an electronic device, the system comprising:
- a remote control device, including
    - a housing sized to be held in the hand of a user during operation of the remote control device; and
    - a gyroscopic sensor integrated with the housing and configured to produce a signal in response to an angular motion about a single reference axis, the input parameter to be controlled being responsive to the signal produced by the gyroscopic sensor when the gyroscopic sensor is activated; and
  - a display screen coupled to the electronic device and including a graphical user interface configured to display graphically to the user a setting of the input parameter to be controlled.
29. The system of claim 28, wherein the graphical user interface includes a slider scale configured to display graphically to the user the setting of the input parameter to be controlled.
30. The system of claim 29, wherein the input parameter to be controlled is volume.
31. The system of claim 29, wherein the input parameter to be controlled is a scan functionality.

32. The system of claim 28, wherein the graphical user interface includes an SMPTE code configured to display graphically to the user the setting of the input parameter to be controlled.

33. The system of claim 32, wherein the input parameter to be controlled is a time search functionality.